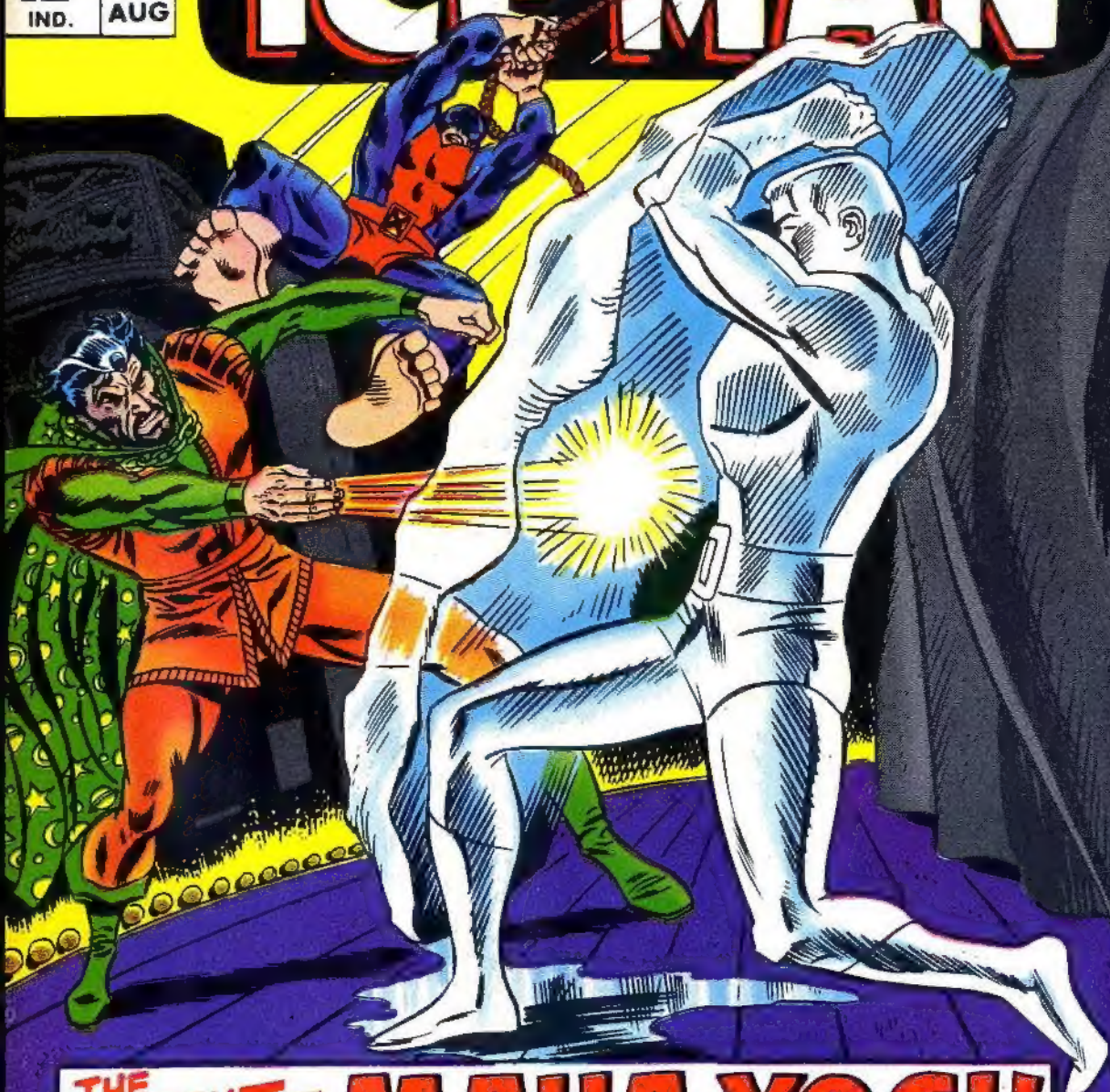


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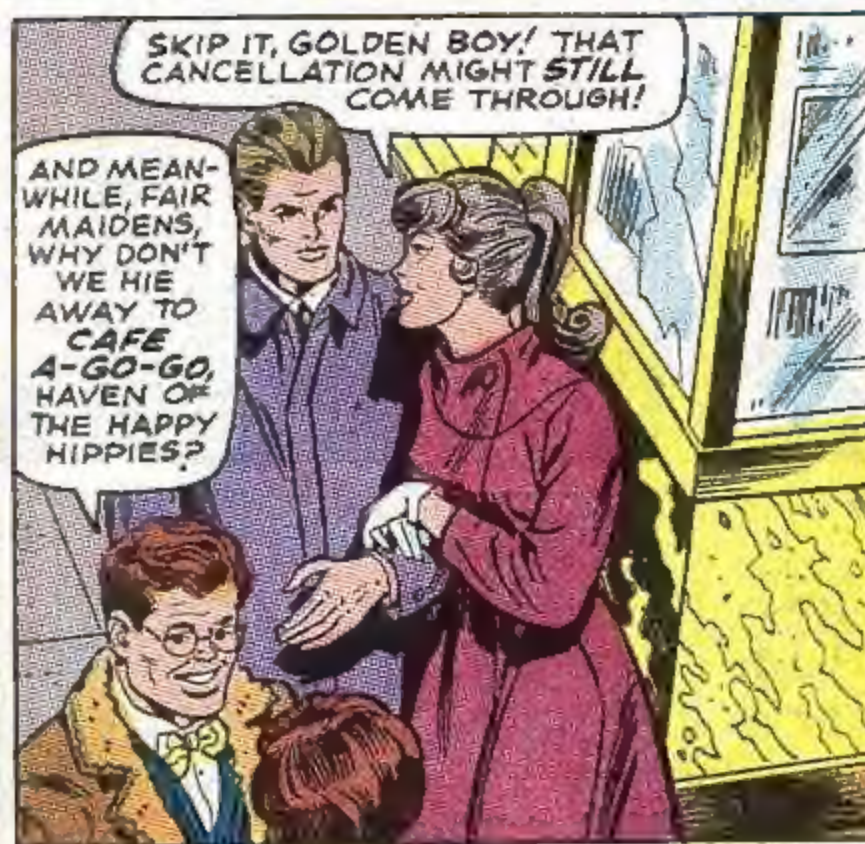
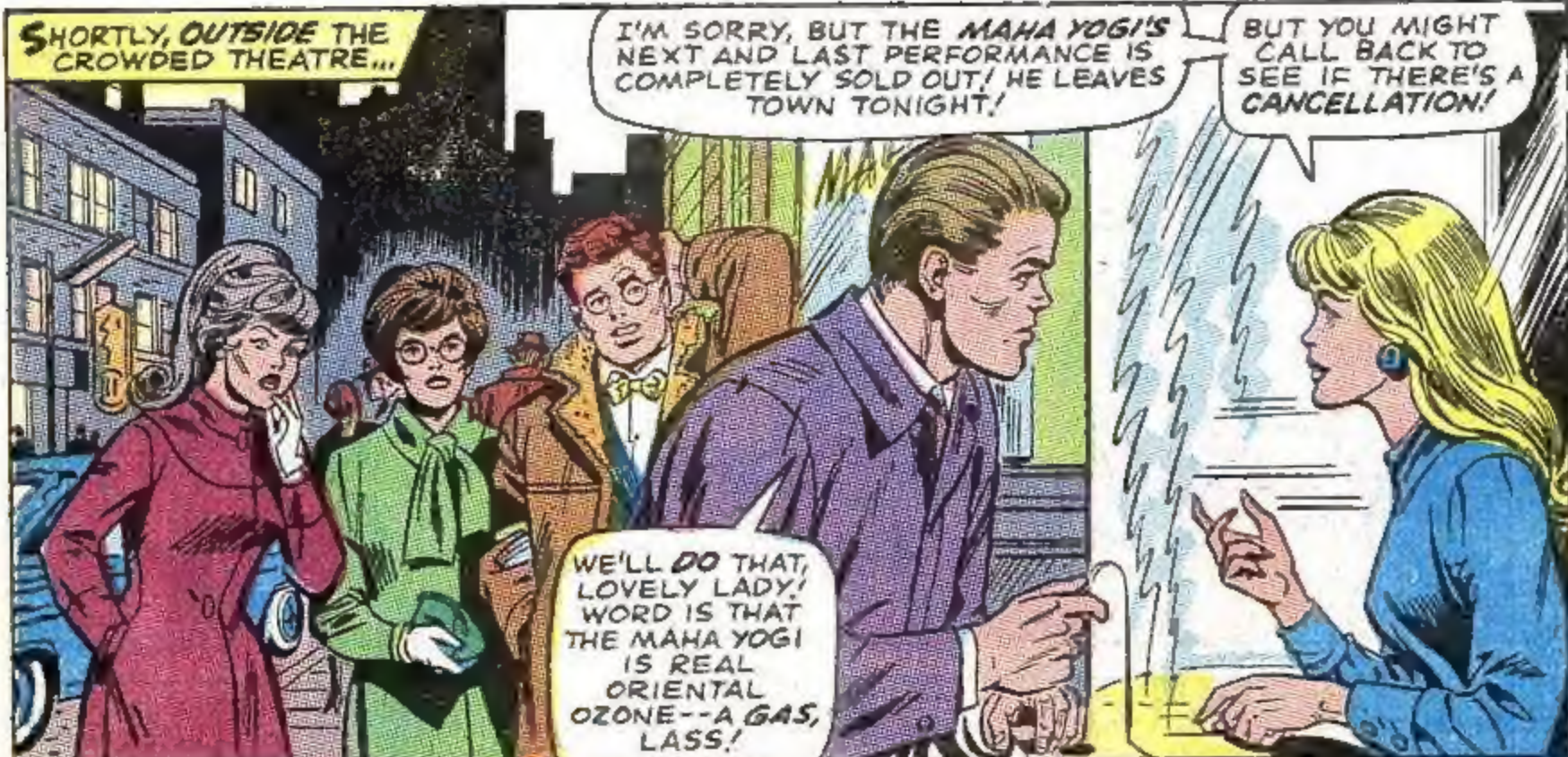
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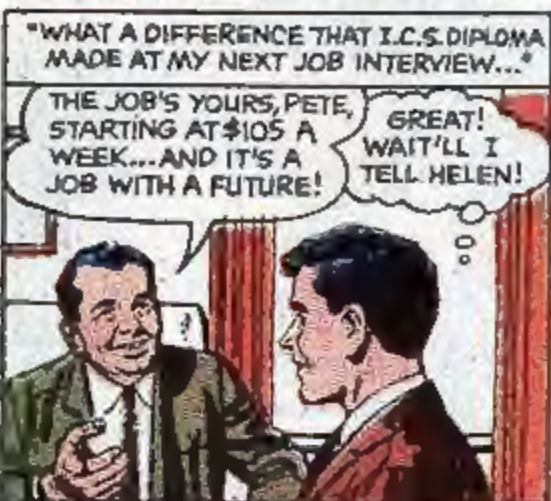
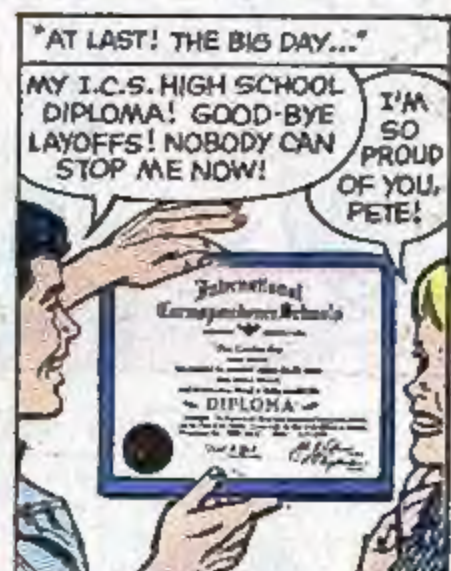
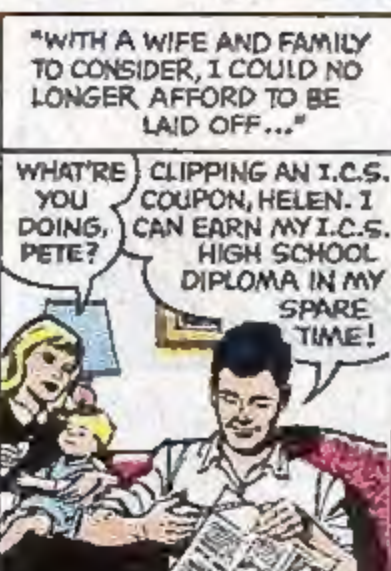
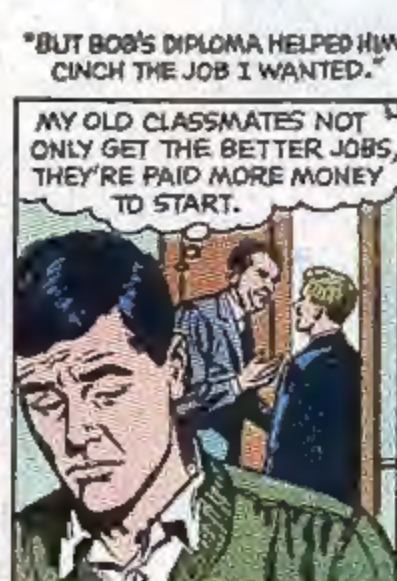
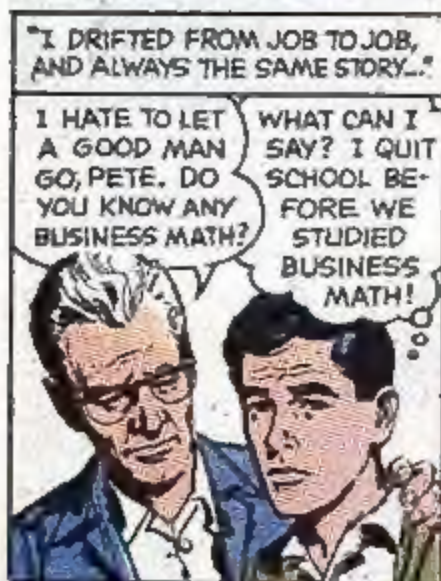
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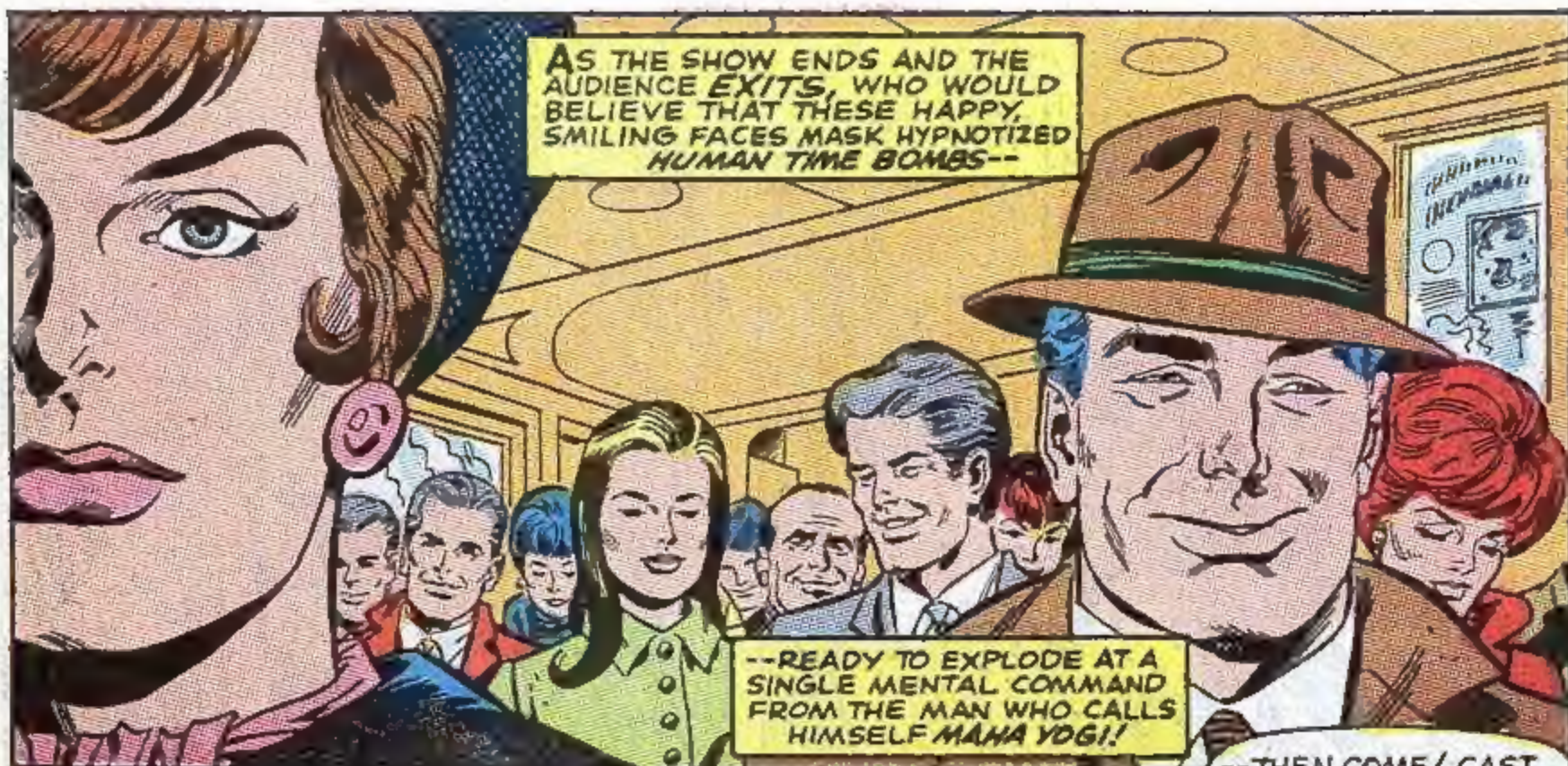
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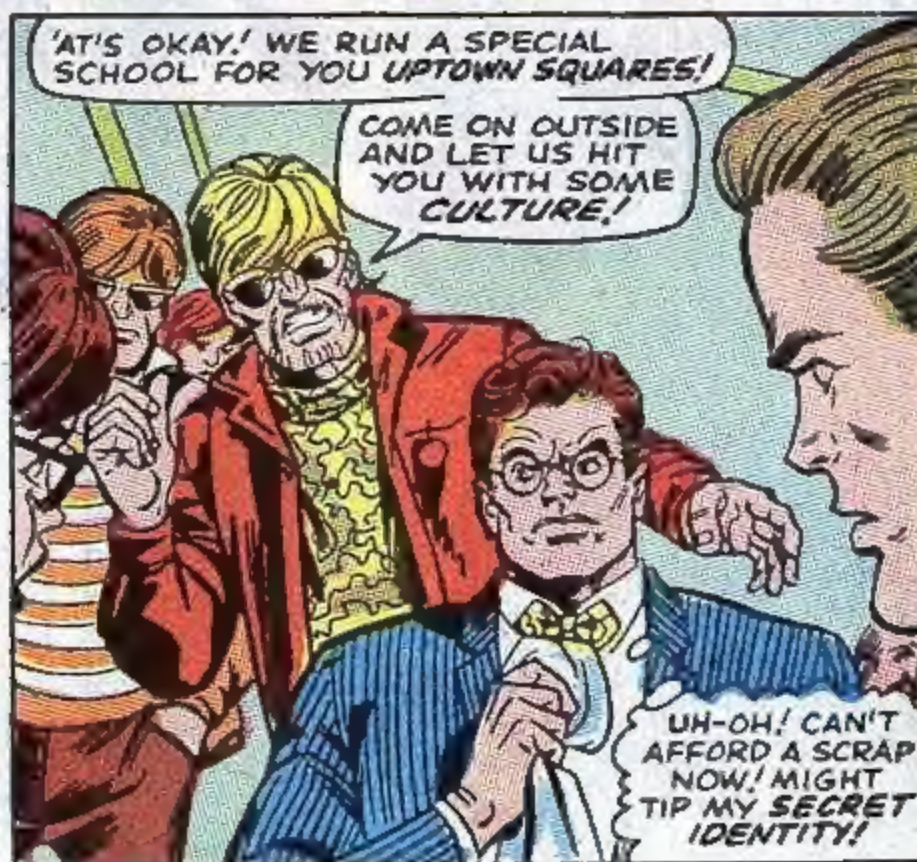


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WHOPPP!

OWWEE!

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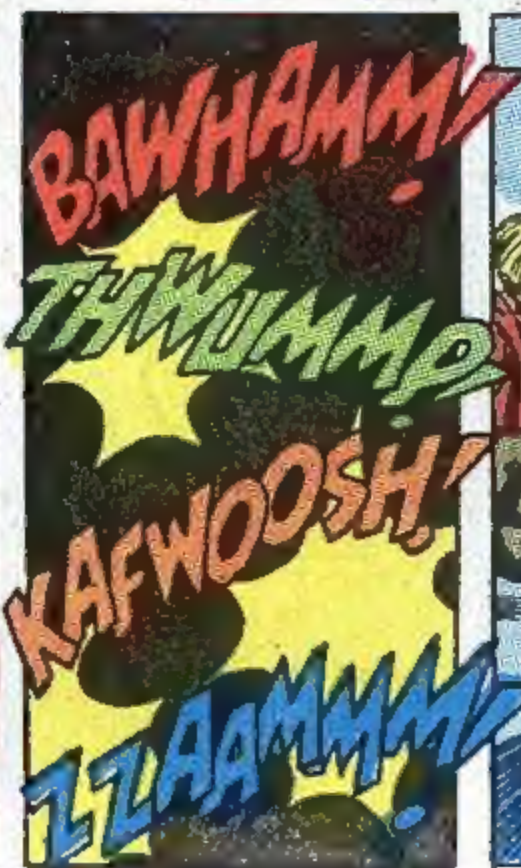
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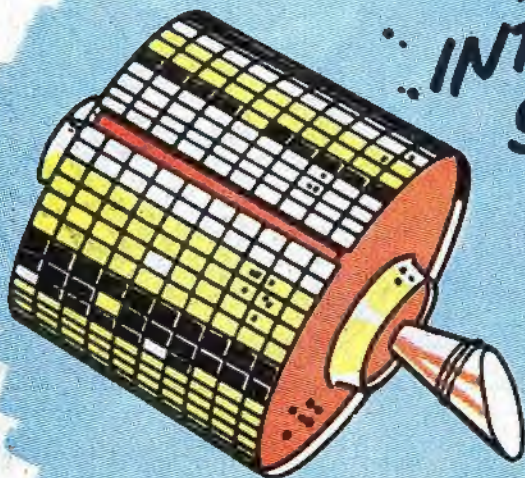
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UGGH! SOME
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MY SKULL IN!

LIKE, YOU'RE NEVER
GONNA BELIEVE THIS,
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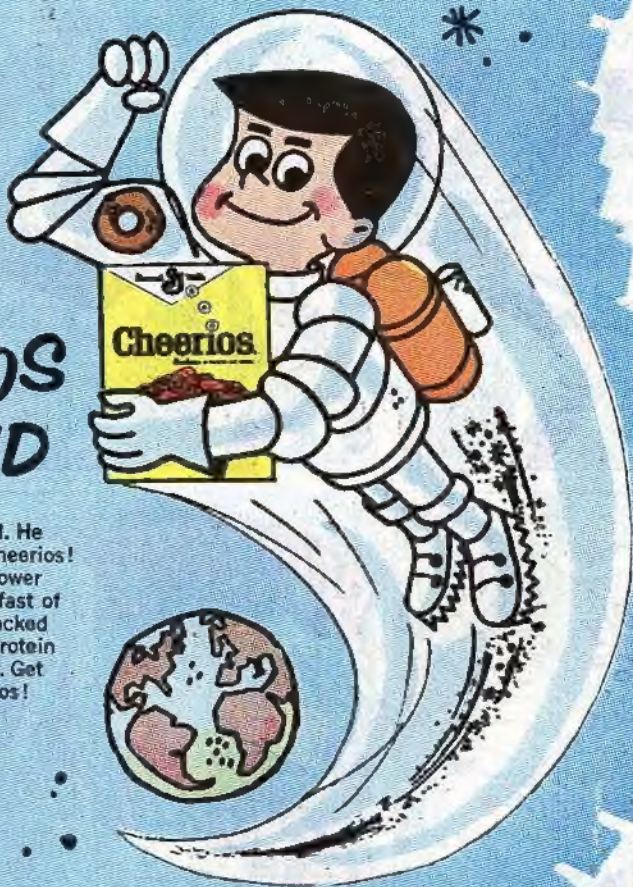


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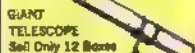
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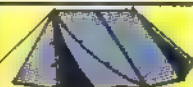


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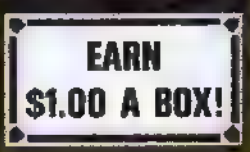
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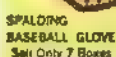
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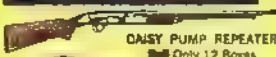
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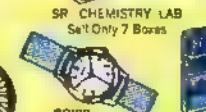
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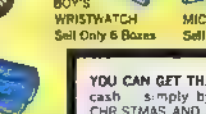
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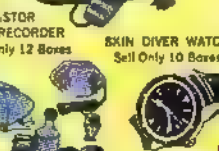
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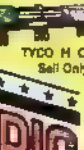
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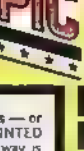
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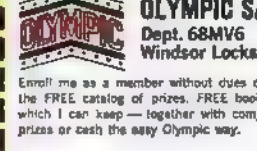
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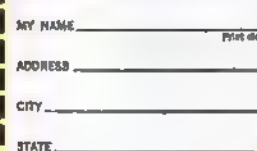
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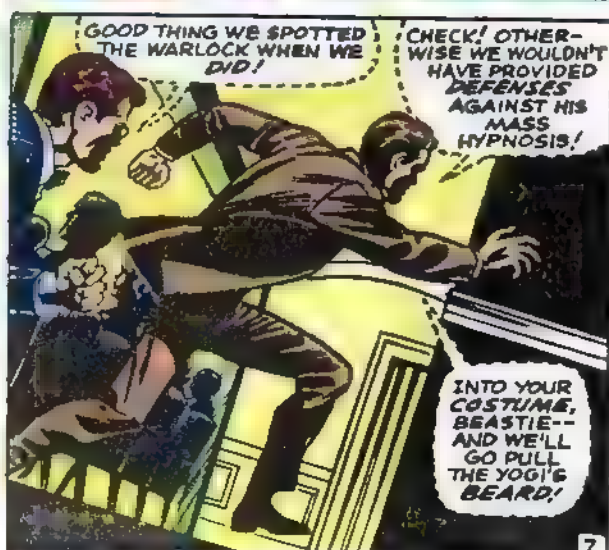
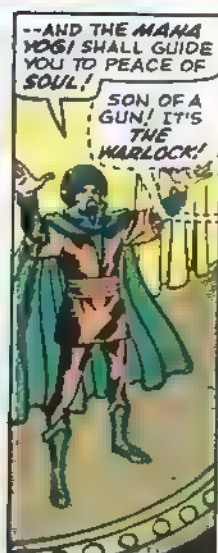
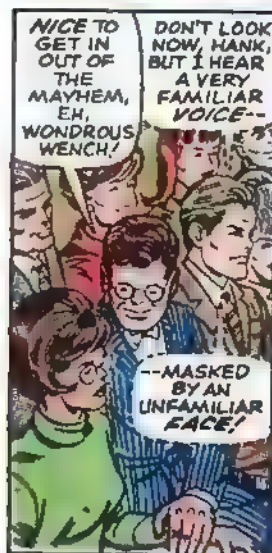
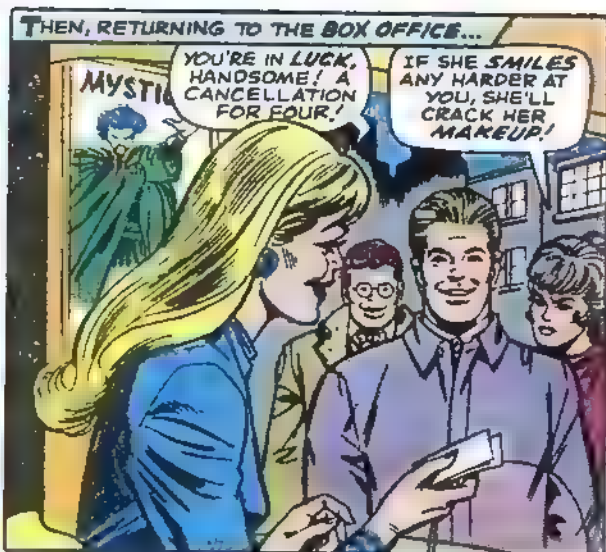
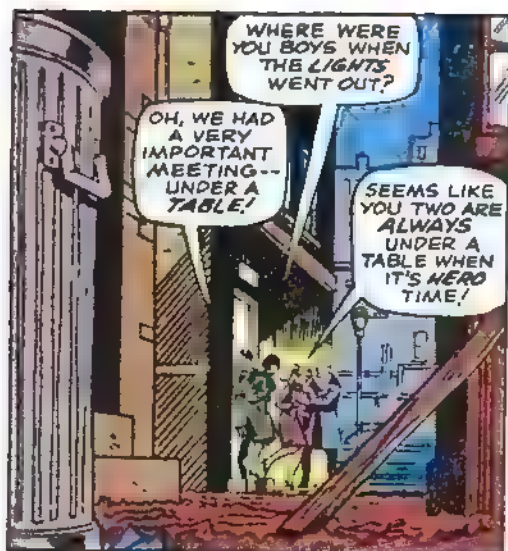
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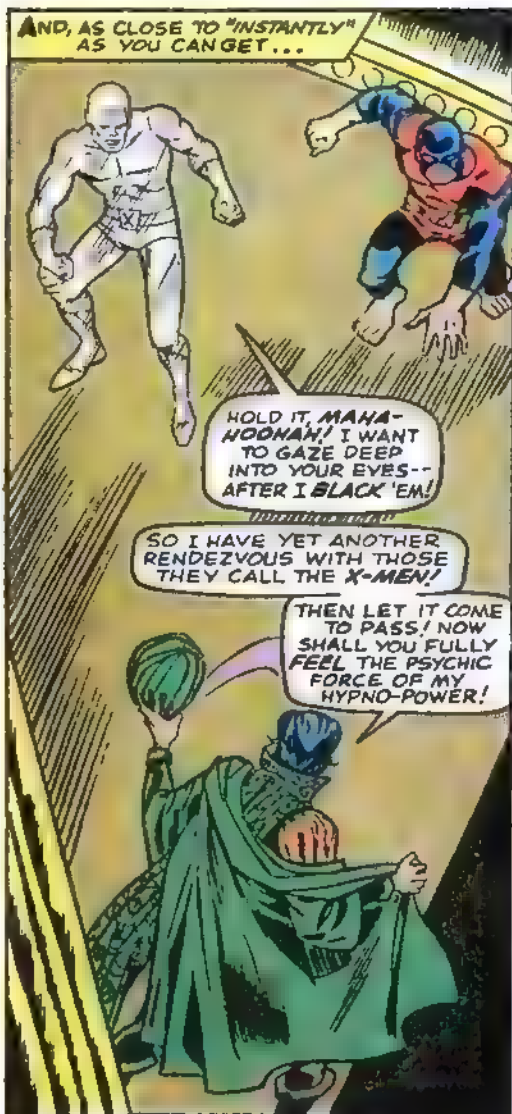
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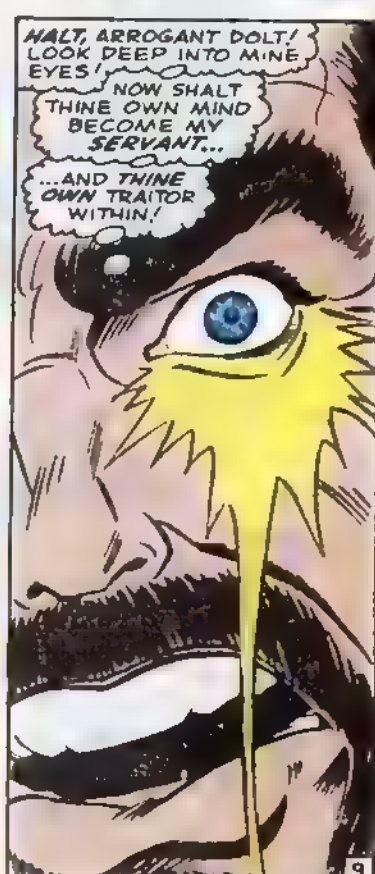
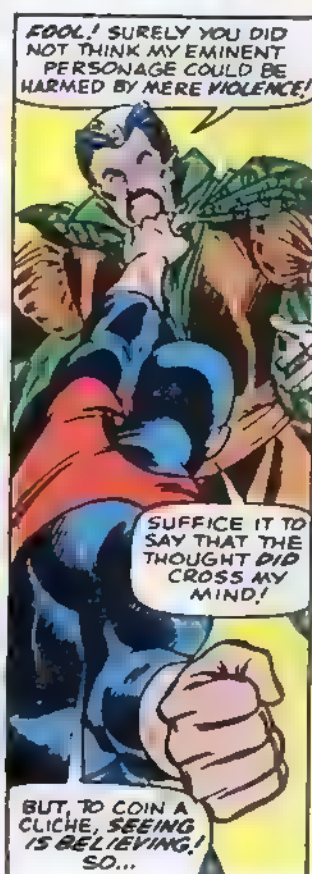
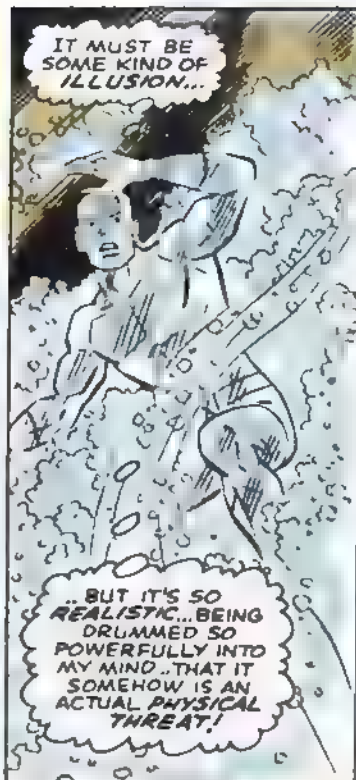
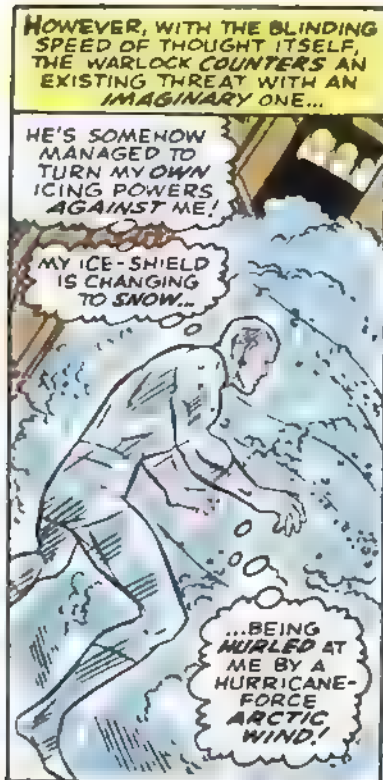
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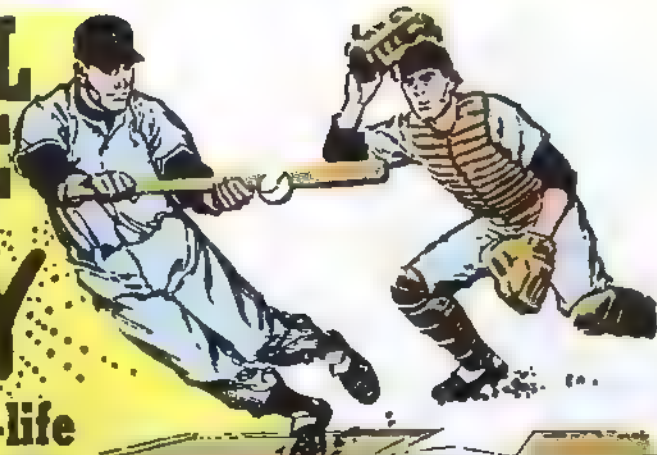






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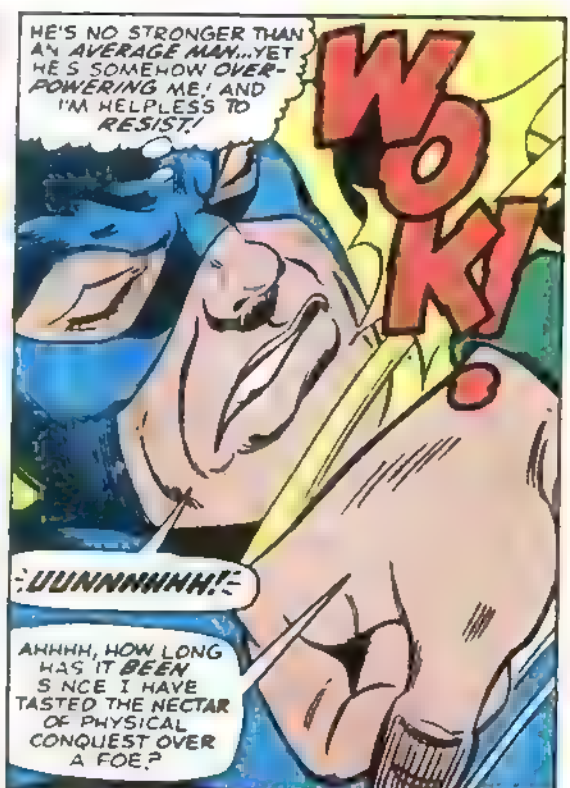
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THEN, HIS MIND
SUDDENLY LIKE
PUTTY 'N THE HANDS
OF THE WARLOCK,
THE MOST AGILE
MUTANT OF ALL
BECOMES FRIGHTENED,
CLUMSY, AND--
HELPLESS...

THOUGH IT IS
NOW WITHIN
MY GRASP TO
DESTROY THE
ACCURSED
BEAST WITH
MENTAL BOLTS...

THERE IS MUCH
PLEASURE TO BE
FOUND BY JAB-
BLING MOMENTARILY
IN PHYSICAL
CONTACT!



HE'S NO STRONGER THAN
AN AVERAGE MAN...YET
HE'S SOMEHOW OVER-
POWERING ME! AND
I'M HELPLESS TO
RESIST!

DUUNNNNNH!

AHHHH, HOW LONG
HAS IT BEEN
SINCE I HAVE
TASTED THE NECTAR
OF PHYSICAL
CONQUEST OVER
A FOE?

FAR TOO LONG...AS I NOW REALIZE! IN SPITE
OF THE SUPREMACY OF MIND OVER BRAIN...
EVERY MAN MUST AT SOME TIME LASH OUT
AND PROVE HIMSELF STILL CAPABLE OF
ACHIEVING VICTORY BY THE LESSER ASSET!



STILL, SWEET
THOUGH THE
INDULGENCE
OF BRUTE
FORCE MAY
BE, I MUST
TARRY NO
LONGER!

THE VICTORY
MUST BE
MINE...AND
I MUST
ACHIEVE IT
WITH MY
MATCHLESS
MASTERY
OF MIND
MANIPU-
LATION!



AND, WITH BUT THE
SLIGHTEST GESTURE,
THE MADDENED MYSTIC
CAUSES THREE HUGE
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TOPPLE FROM THE
THEATRE ROOF...AND
SMASH WITH SICKENING
FORCE INTO HIS DAZED
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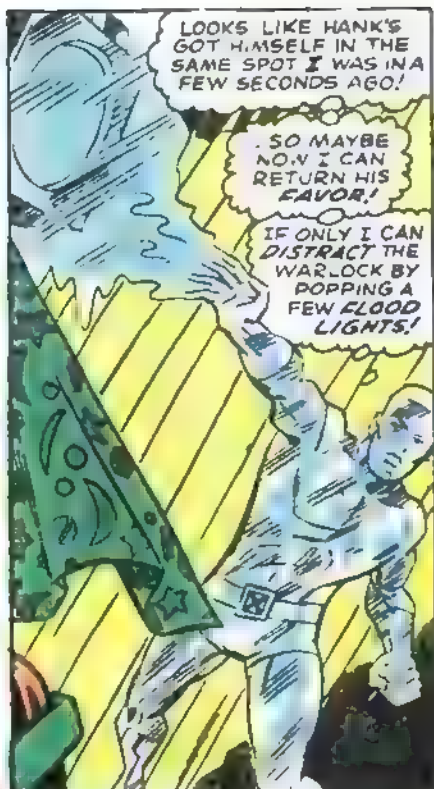


BUT, THOUGH HIS MIND IS NOT HIS OWN...AND HIS STRENGTH ALMOST TOTALLY SAPPED, THE WILL TO SURVIVE STILL BLAZES WITHIN THE BEAST'S HULKING BODY, AND...

BRAP!

CAN'T LET ANY MORE OF THEM... HIT ME! MUST... FIGHT BACK!

WHAT...HE DEFIES ME? IT IS NOT POSSIBLE! I AM IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF HIM! YET...



LOOKS LIKE HANK'S GOT HIMSELF IN THE SAME SPOT I WAS IN A FEW SECONDS AGO!

SO MAYBE NOW I CAN RETURN HIS FAVOR!

IF ONLY I CAN DISTRACT THE WARLOCK BY POPPING A FEW FLOOD LIGHTS!



WHA--? AN EXPLOSION... SHATTERING THE AIR BEHIND ME!

BUT...THERE IS NO ONE NEAR THE LAMP WHICH BLEW UP! WHAT SORcery IS THIS?



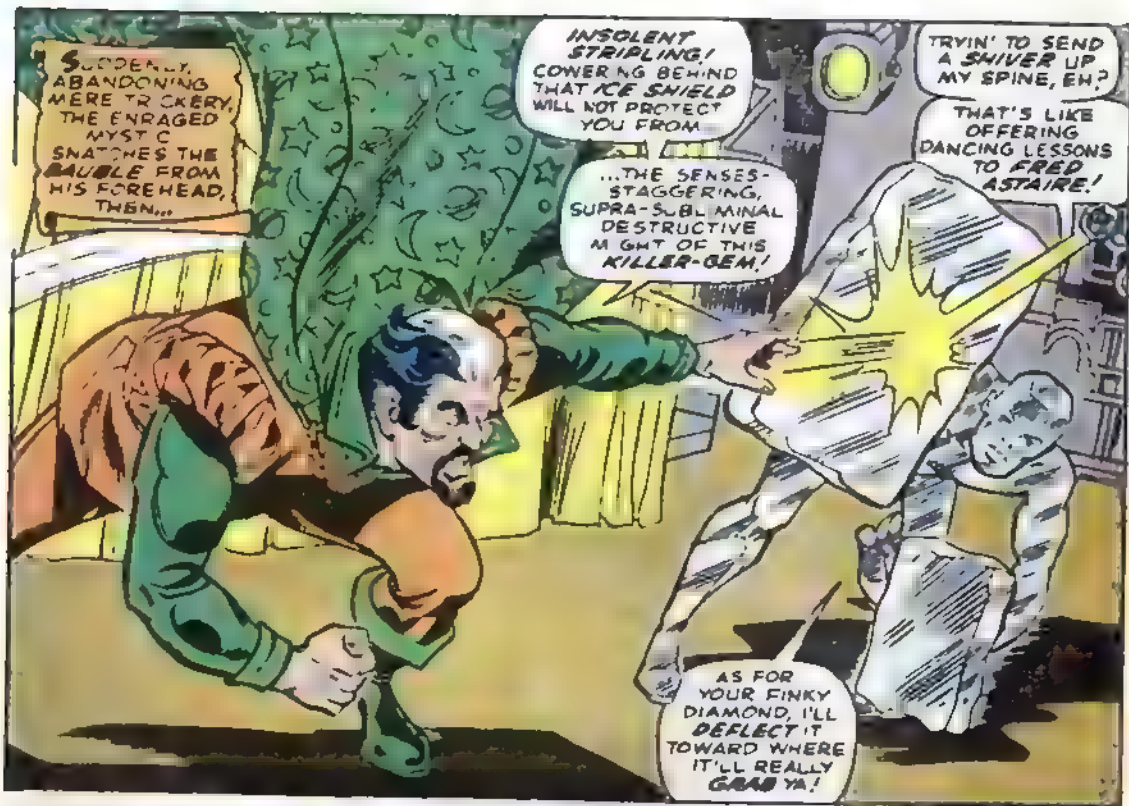
NOOOO! STILL MORE ERUPTIONS... SPLITTING MY EARDRUMS!

THE SOUND IS DEAFENING! CAUSING ME TO LOSE ALL POWER OF CONCENTRATION!



'TIS NOT UNLIKE THE ROAR OF THE DEVIL'S OWN CANNONS...AND THE BLINDING FLASH OF TEN THOUSAND BOLTS OF LIGHTNING!

I MUST FLEE THIS MADNESS BEFORE MY OWN SANITY, AND MY QUEST...ARE LOST FOREVER!



THEN, INTO THE MASTER LIGHT CONTROL BOX CAROMS THE JEWEL OF JEOPARDY...

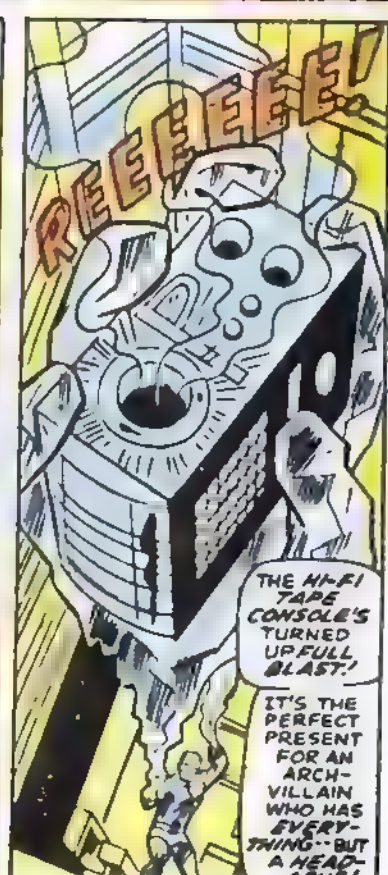
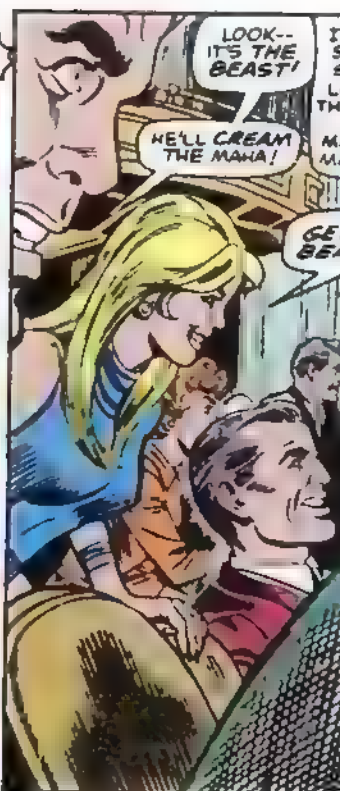


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THE NEXT SECOND, A VOLCANO OF VISUAL PYROTECHNICS ERUPTS! TO A NORMAL MIND, THE EERILY PULSATING BURSTS OF LAMBERT LUMINESCENCE WOULD SEEM TO POSSESS AN INDESCRIBABLY BIZARRE BEAUTY.

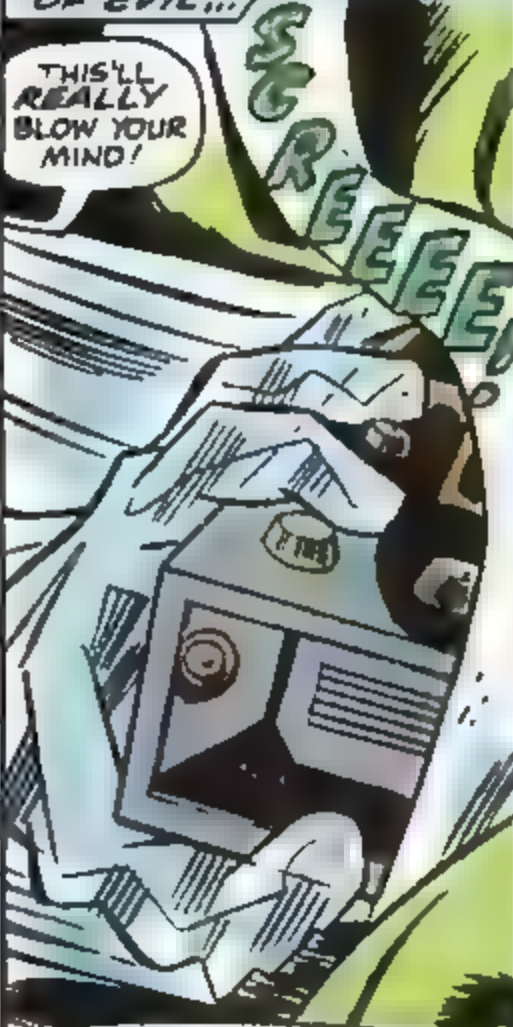
BUT NOT TO THE EVIL, CORRUPTED MIND OF THE WARLOCK JUST AS ICEY HAD FIGURED IT WOULD THE BOMBARDMENT OF BRAIN-BEDAZZLING KALEIDOSCOPIC COLOR FLUNG HIM TO THE VERY BRINK OF MADNESS!



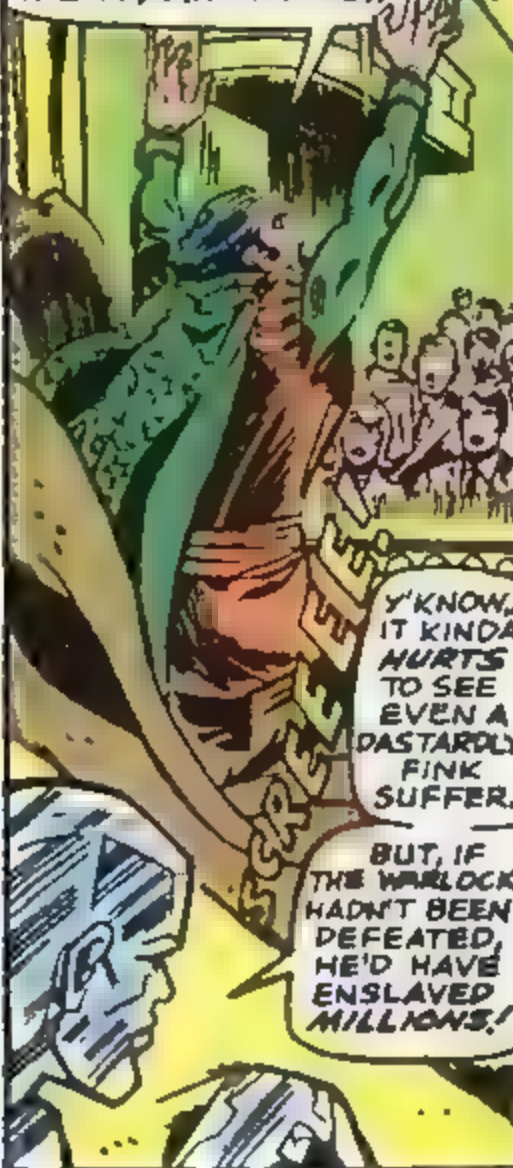


SUDDENLY, ICEMAN'S LONG ARM OF ICE, THRUSTS THE DEAFENINGLY BLARING MECHANISM UNDERNEATH THE SHROUD ENVELOPING THE INFURIATED MASTER OF EVIL...

THIS'LL REALLY BLOW YOUR MIND!



EEEE-YAAAA! C-CAN'T BEAR--THIS SOUL-SHATTERING TORMENT--ANOTHER INSTANT! DO WHAT YOU WILL WITH ME, MUTANTS! LOCK ME UP! ANYTHING!!



Y'KNOW, IT KINDA HURTS TO SEE EVEN A DASTARDLY FINK SUFFER!

BUT, IF THE WARLOCK HADN'T BEEN DEFEATED, HE'D HAVE ENSLAVED MILLIONS!

THE CLANGOROUS CACOPHONY TEARS AT THE MASTER VILLAIN'S REELING WITS LIKE REMORSELESSLY SCRAPING FINGERS OF STEEL...

STOP! STOP-P-P...



MOVE, MEN! WE'VE GOTTA WRAP THAT WEIRDO UP IN A STRAIGHT-JACKET, NICE-'N-SNUG, BEFORE HE BUSTS LOOSE WITH MORE MYSTICAL MONKEYSHINES!



AND STILL THE FRENZIED CLAMOR THUNDERS ON...AND ON--BEATING, TEARING, TWISTING AT THE WARLOCK'S ID! THREATENING HIS UNSTABLE INTELECT WITH COMPLETE DISINTEGRATION!

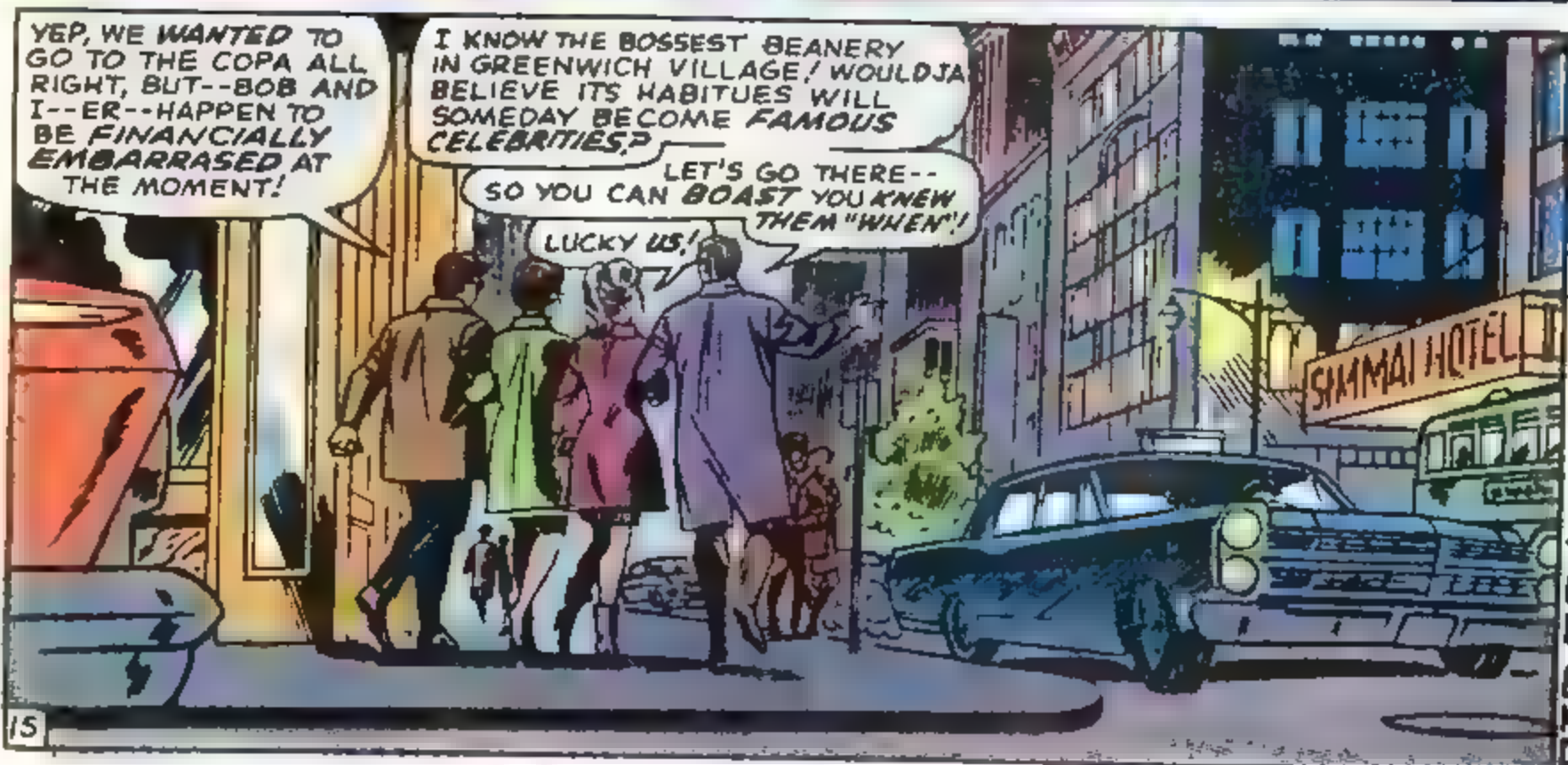
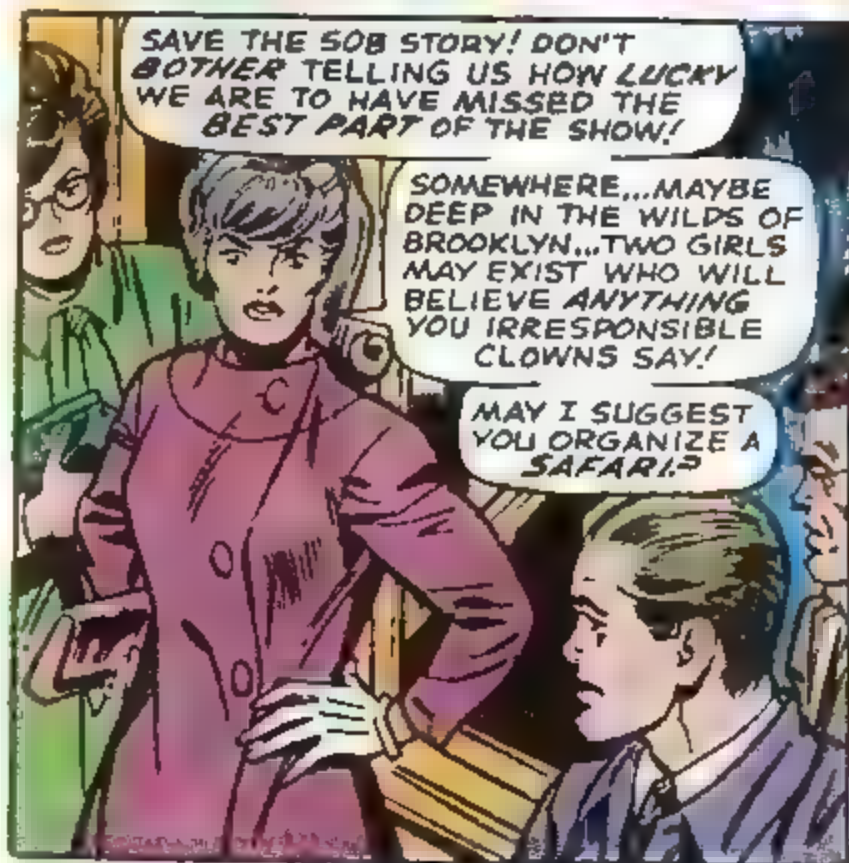
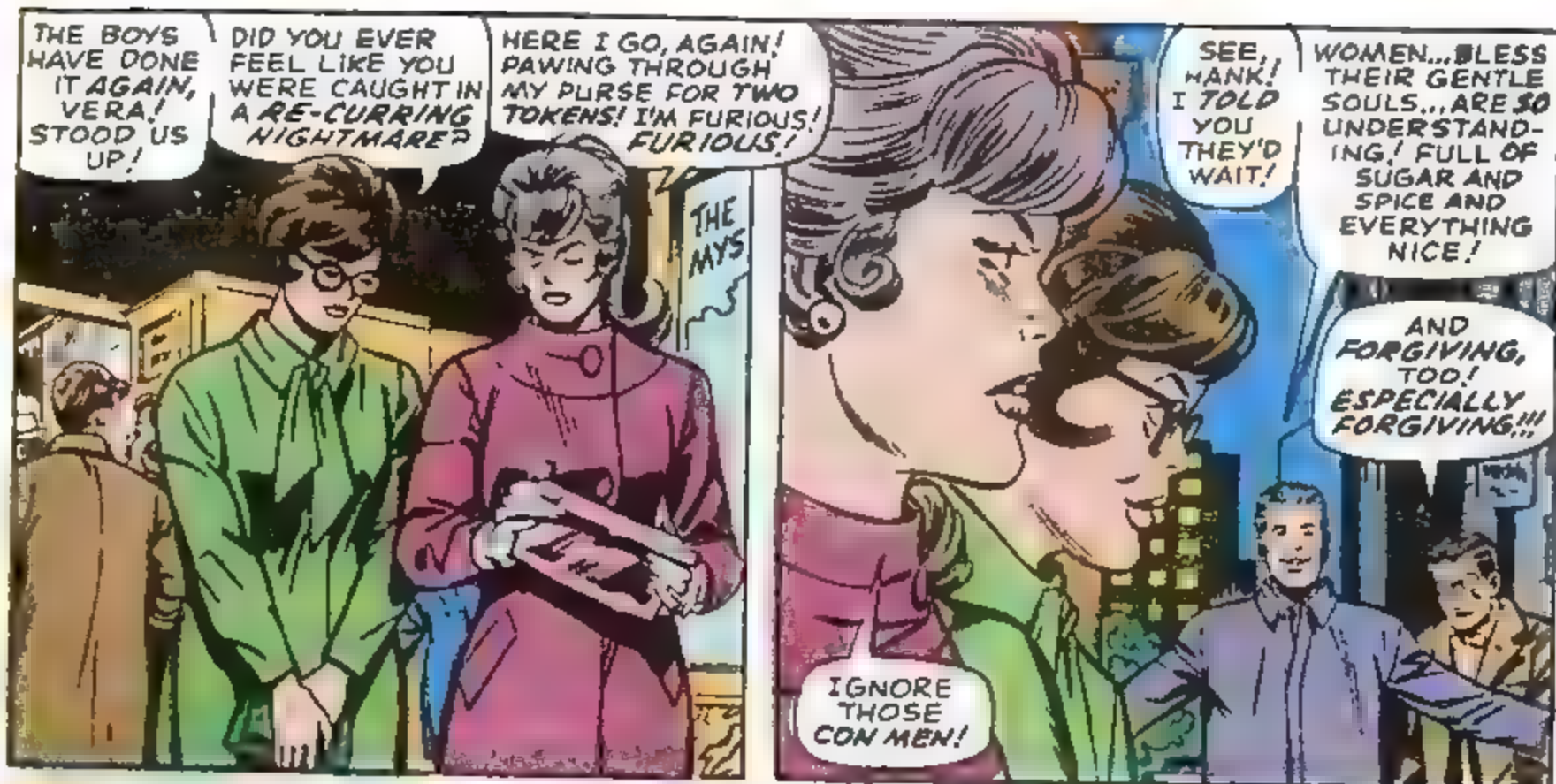


THAT DOES IT, BEAST! GUESS WE CAN DROP THE SECRET IDENTITIES BIT AND DRAPE OUR SHAPES IN CIVVIES AGAIN!

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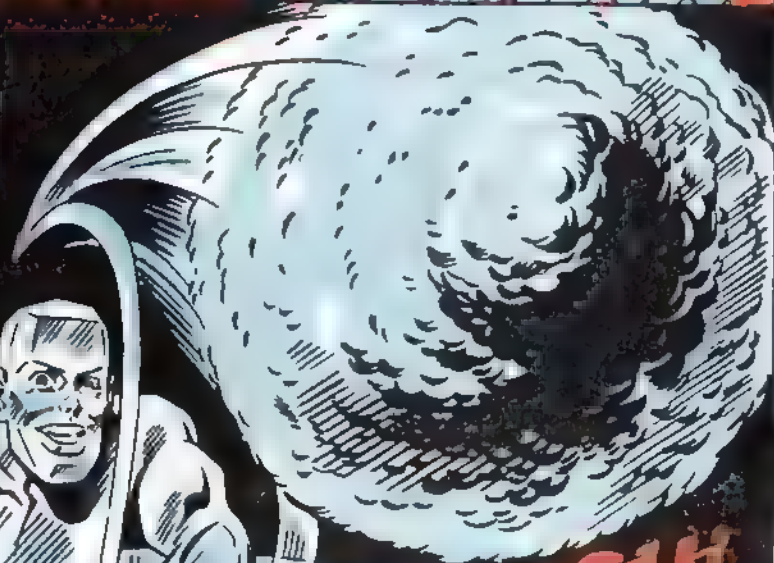
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AS A PAWNBROKER'S HEART!

FROZEN AS A BILL
COLLECTOR'S SMILE!

HARD AS AN ALGEBRA
END-TERM! AND YET--



WHOOOSH!

--IT HAS ITS
GOOD POINTS,
TOO!

LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE,
I CAN CREAM YOU WITH
A SNOWBALL IN JULY!

YOU GOTTA ADMIT
THERE'S SOMETHING
TO BE SAID FOR THAT--

--AFTER YOU
GET THE SNOW
OUT OF YOUR
MOUTH!

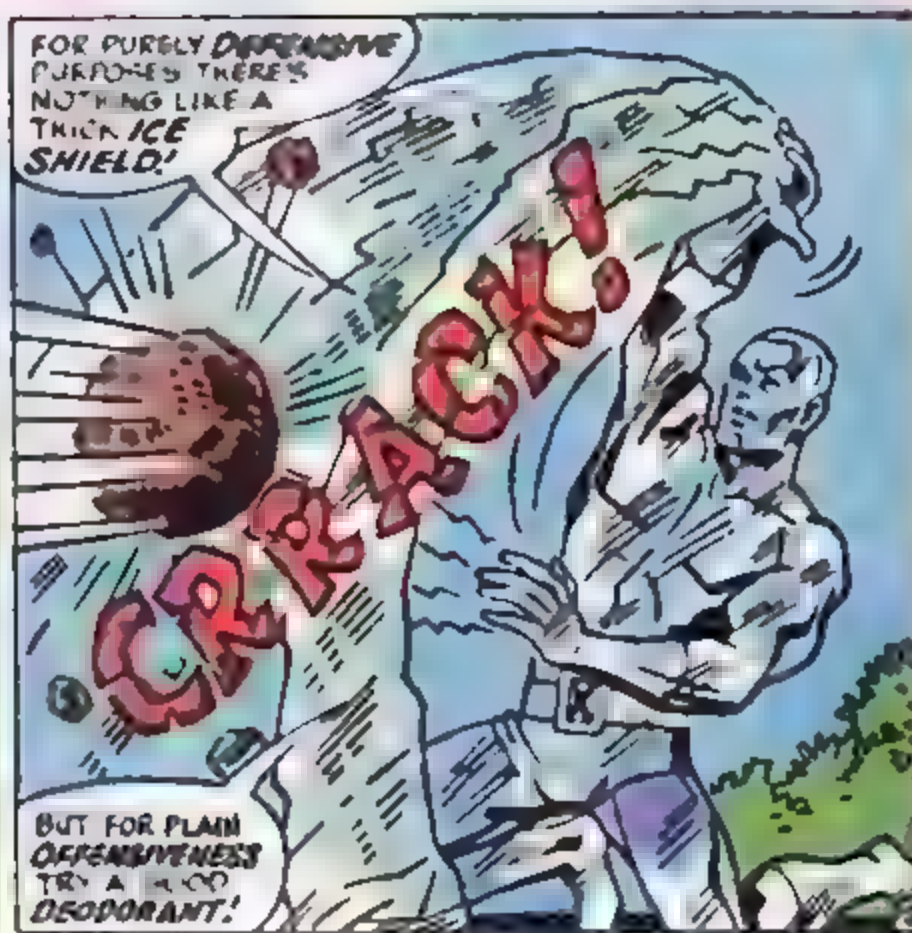
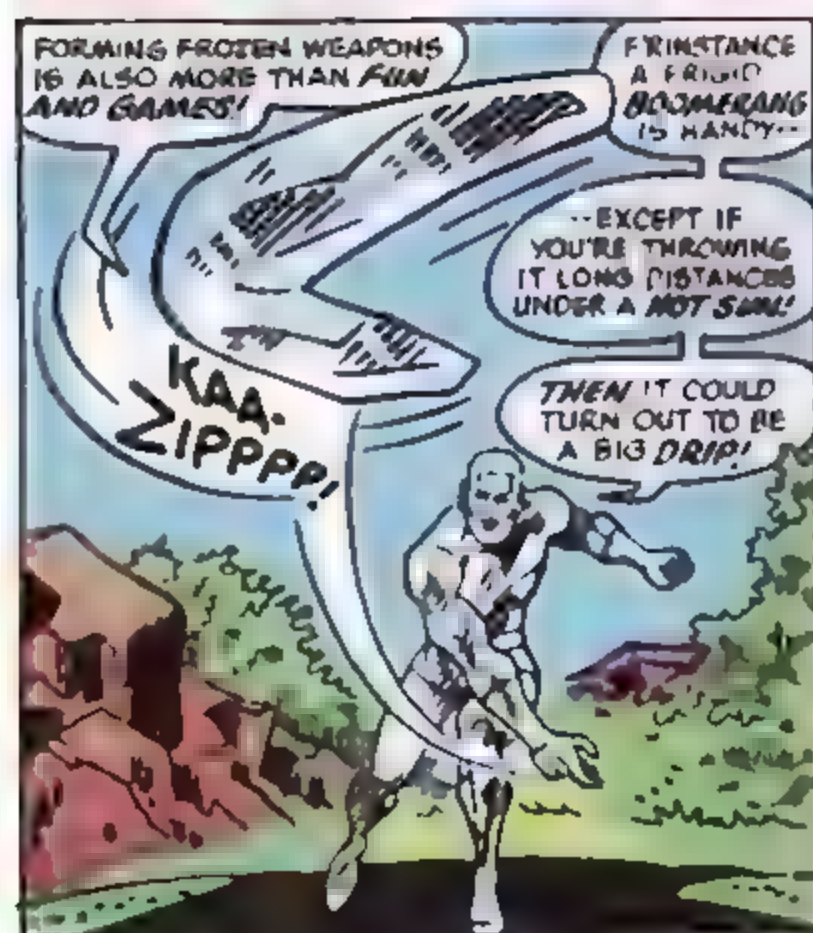
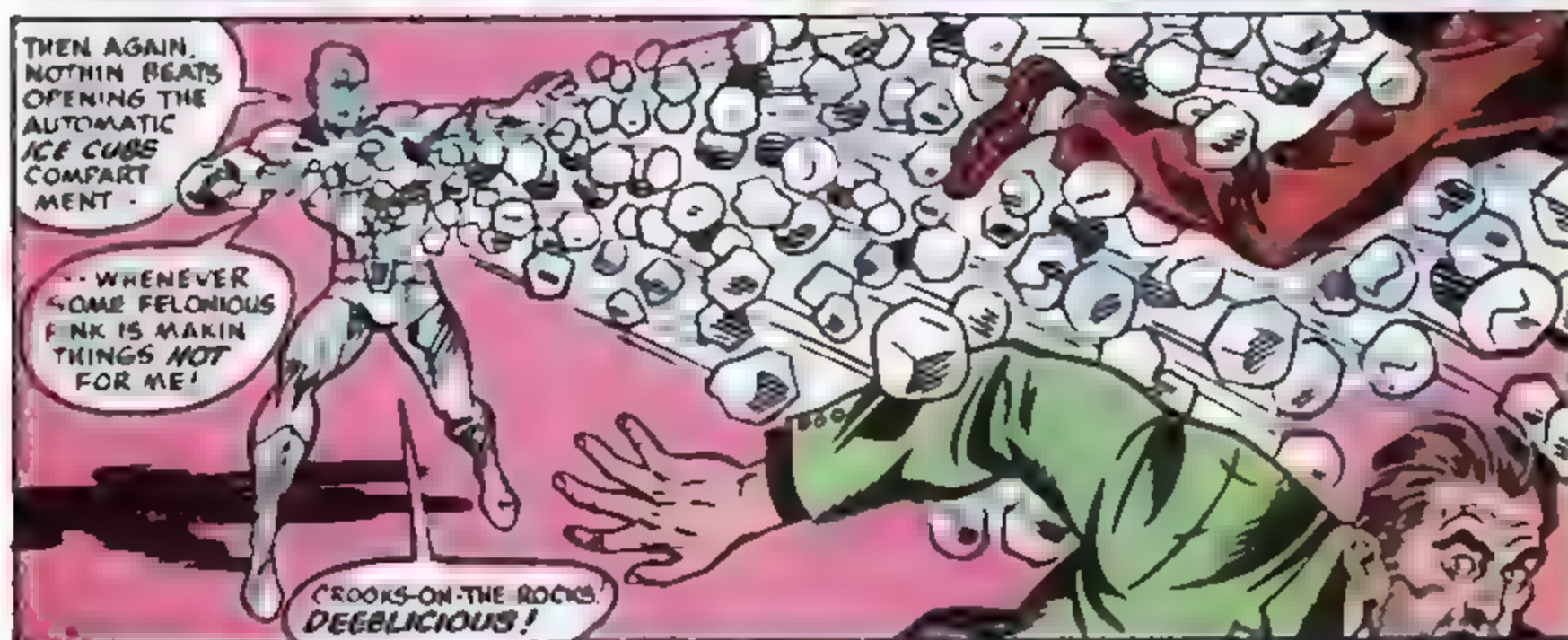
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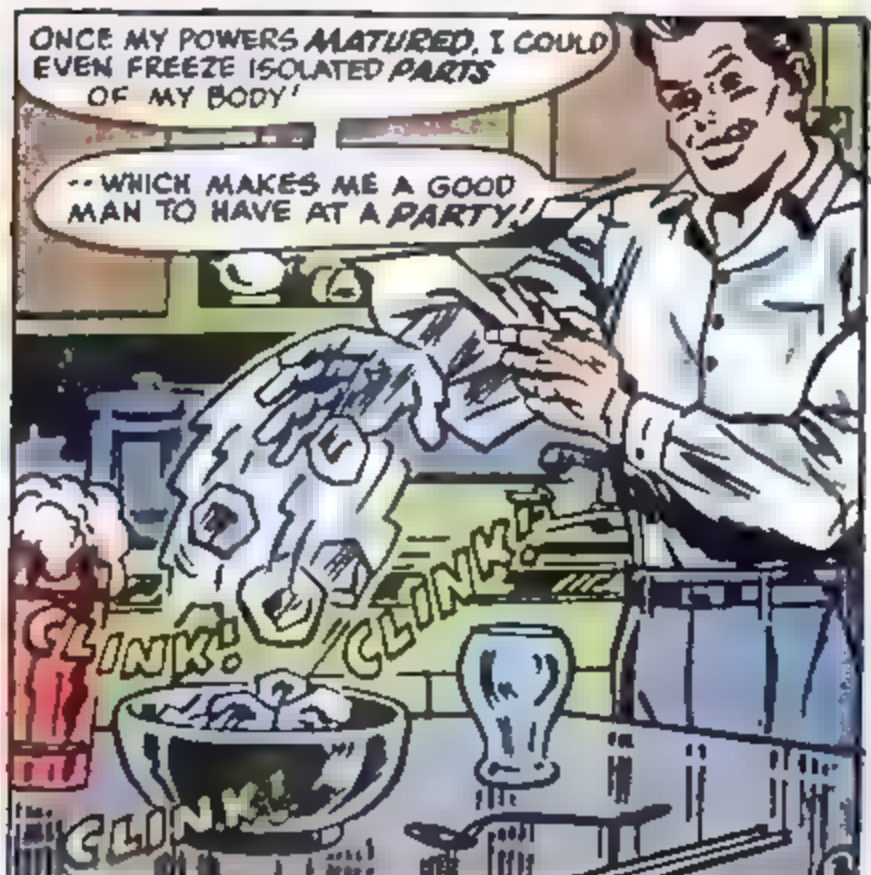
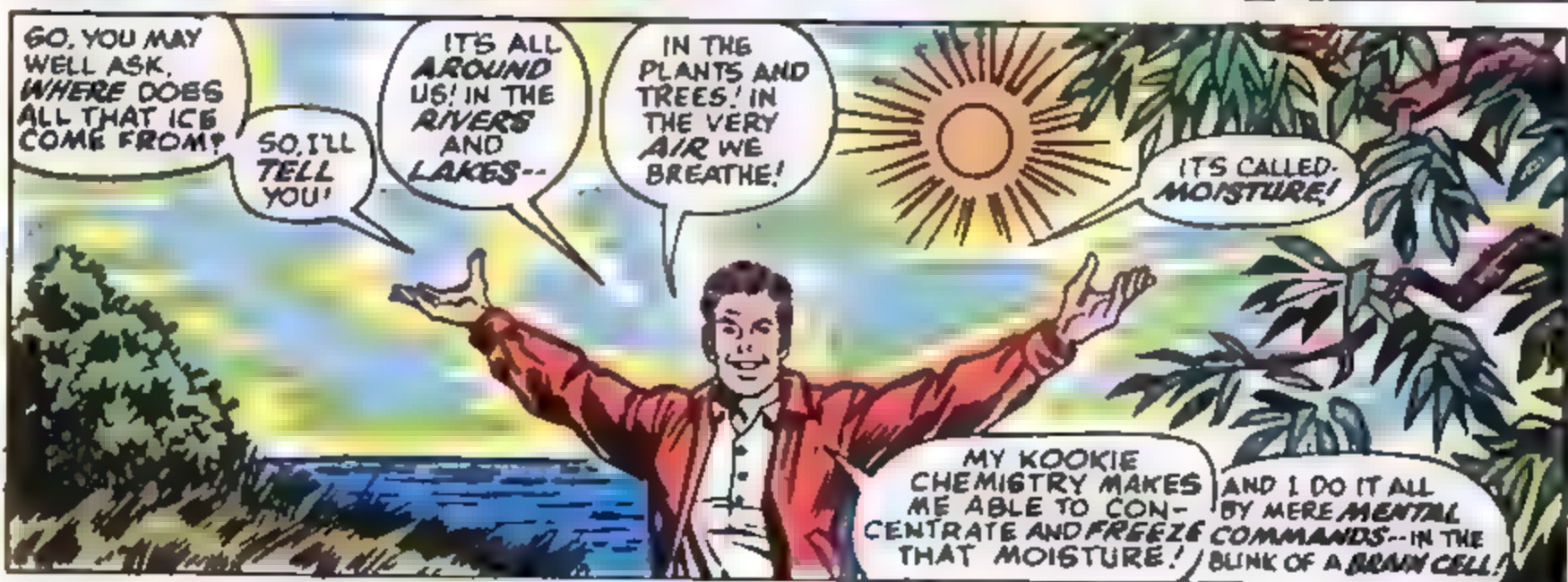
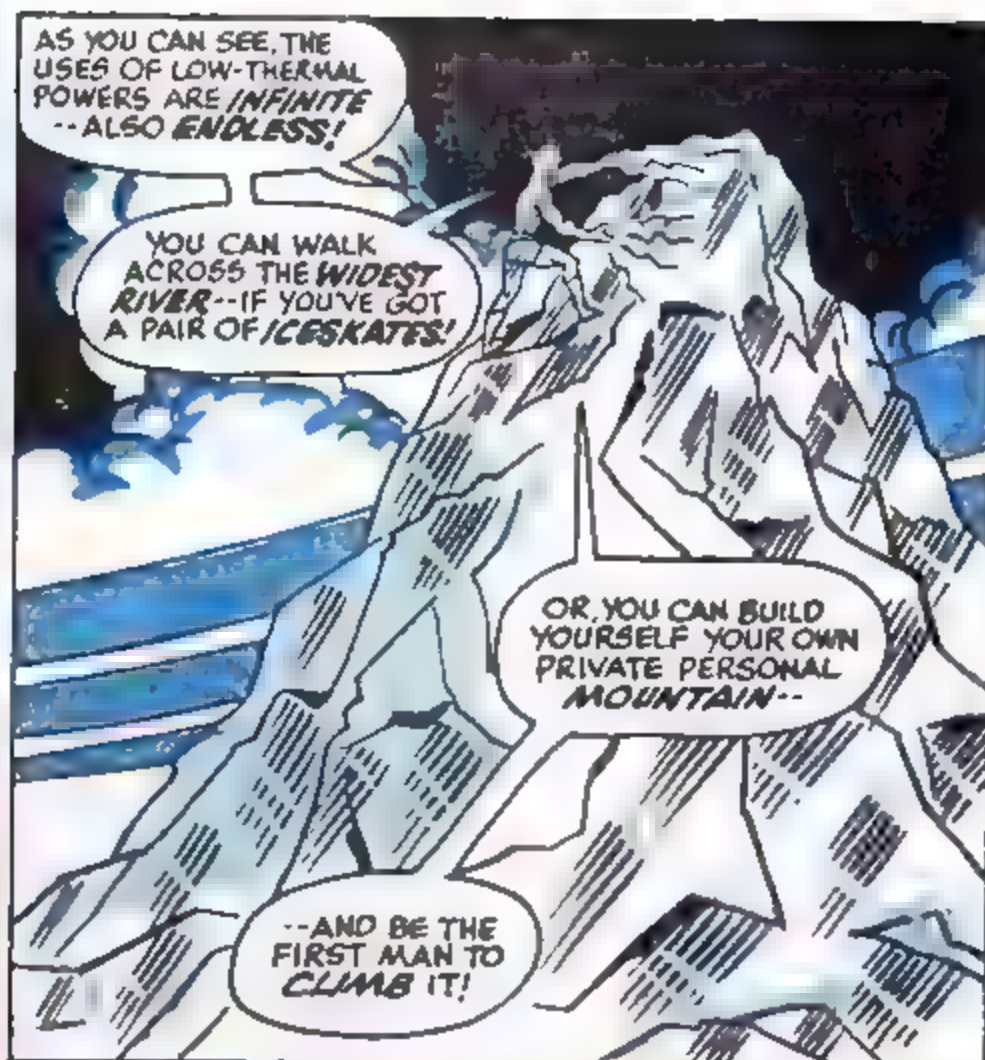
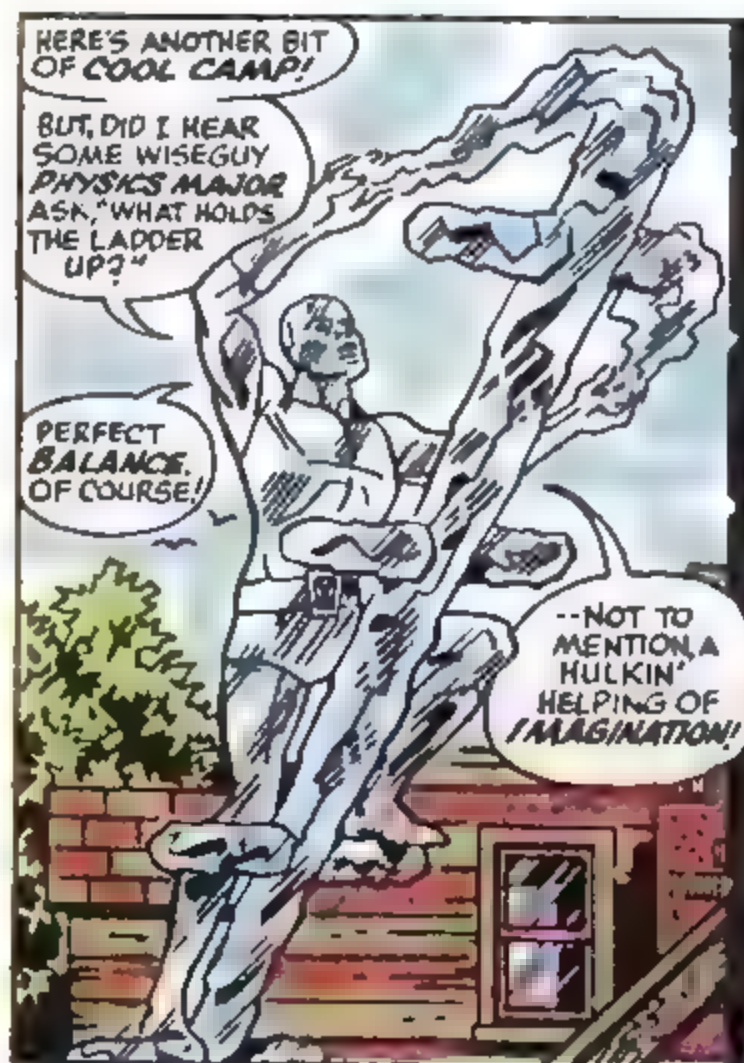
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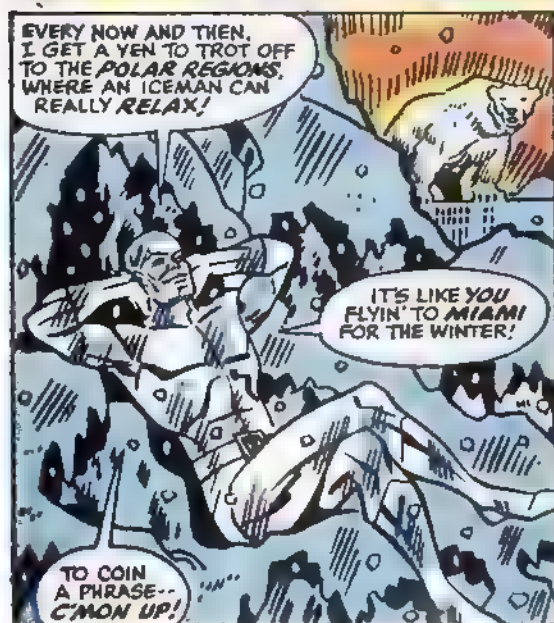
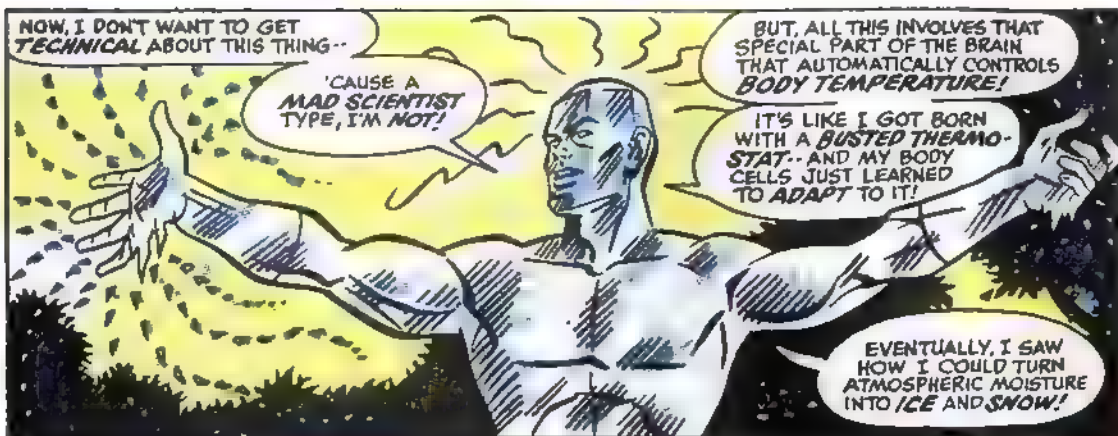
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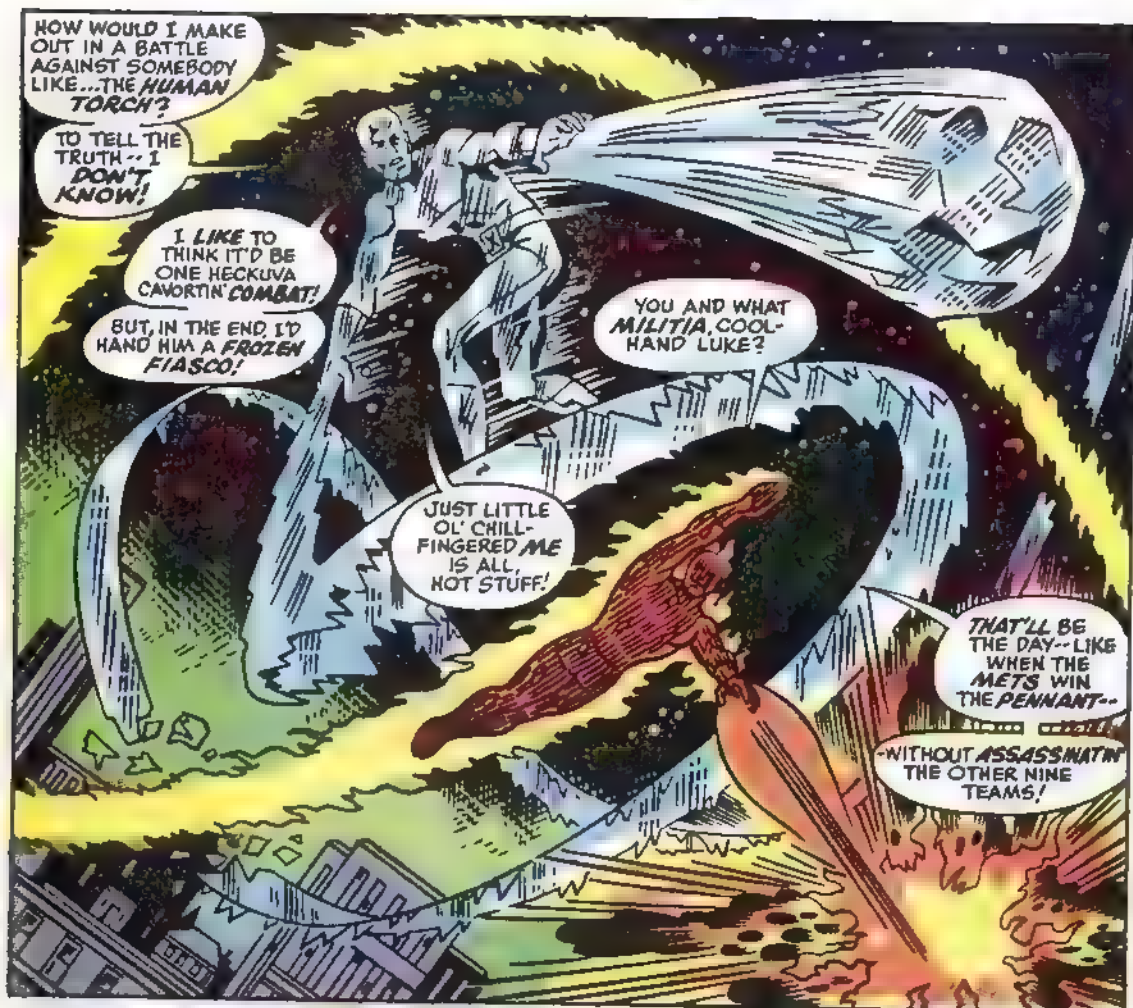
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TORCH?**

TO TELL THE
TRUTH-- I
**DON'T
KNOW!**

I **LIKE** TO
THINK IT'D BE
ONE HECKUVA
CAVORTIN' **COMBAT!**

BUT, IN THE END, I'D
HAND HIM A **FROZEN
FIASCO!**

YOU AND WHAT
**MILITIA, COOL-
HAND LUKE?**

JUST LITTLE
OL' CHILL-
FINGERED **ME**
IS ALL,
HOT STUFF!

THAT'LL BE
THE DAY-- LIKE
WHEN THE
**METS WIN
THE PENNANT--**

--WITHOUT **ASSASSINATING**
THE OTHER NINE
TEAMS!

ONE THING THAT'S ALWAYS
FASCINATED ME, THOUGH--
IS HOW I'D MAKE OUT IN
OUTER SPACE!

NOT THAT ITS **SHEER
COLD** WOULD BOTHER ME--

--BUT WITH NO
ATMOSPHERE, THERE'D
BE NO **MOISTURE!**

AND WITH
NO **FUEL** FOR
MY **FREEZER**,
I'D BE IN ONE
HECK OF A
SITUATION!

BUT THE
CHALLENGE
SURE INTRIGUES
ME!

WHO KNOWS--
MAYBE, **ONE DAY--**

THOUGH TO TELL
THE TRUTH, I'M NOT
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ITEM! Remember when STAN THE MAN wrote just about every superhero yarn we published during the early days of Marvel? Well, the reason we've been able to expand our output and to bring you more of the mags you've been clamoring for is because we've gradually found other scribes who've been able to capture the mad, modern Marvel mood. The first of these sensational scribes is our now associate editor, Rascally ROY THOMAS, our poker playing pundit of the pandemonious plot! Next we latched onto an old buddy of Roy's, Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH, our swingin' zingin' folk song singin' assistant editor. But not content to rest on our laurels, we were lucky enough to snare Affable ARCHIE GOODWIN, former editor, author, and bluish bon vivant, who brings his own scintillatin' style to the majesty of Marvel. And now just a few months later, we announce with pride that another two stalwarts who've toiled elsewhere for 10 these many years have finally seen the light and joined the ranks of True Believers here at the Bulpen. We introduce 'em in another ish! So, where once there was just poor slavin' long-suffering Stan, our leader now has five fabulous far-out fantasy writin' friends to help us prove we mean it when we say "Hang onto your hat, hero — Marvel's taking over the world!" (Or wouldja believe Yancy Street?)

ITEM! But with every bit of good news, there is often its exact opposite. And so, with heavy hearts, we announce the departure of one of the Bulpen's most popular pixies — Fabulous FLO STEINBERG, who bids us a fond farewell to seek her fortunes in another field of endeavor. Lovely Flo had won the collective hearts of Marveldom Assembled in the years during which she helped to answer the ever-growing mountain of mail which sometimes threatened to engulf us all. Face Front! Flo! The best of luck to you where ever you go.

ITEM! For those of you who've been vacationing on another planet for the past few months, we're gonna repeat the swingin' ranks of Marveldom for serious study and transcendental meditation! Now for Odin's sake, memorize 'em carefully 'cause we're starting to get writers' cramp!

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

This one's a real surprise! You've seen Herb Trimpe's name listed as "inker" all over the place in our mags. Well, a few weeks ago we saw some of his original drawings and realized that we've had an exciting, top-notch penciler hidden right under our quivering noses! So, not being shy, we asked Happy Herbie what he'd like to draw, and he told us: It seems that Mr. Trimpe is a dyed-in-the-wool fan of World War I airplane dogfights! And, since the rest of your Bulpen are shameless superhero fans, we decided to combine the two. Which is just our long-winded way of telling you not to dare miss MARVEL SUPERHEROES #16, which features one of the most daringly different superheroes of all — The Phantom Eagle! And now, we've gotta cut out — Country Joe and the Fish just arrived to visit us — and we don't wanna keep 'em out of the water too long!

Excelsior,
Smiley

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

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THE 35¢ SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #1: Last chance, web spinners! The great second ish goes on sale next month, and these'll be gone forever. We couldn't sleep nights if we thought you'd missed the longest Spidey saga ever presented! And oh that artwork!

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MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #16: Just as we promised you — a full-length blockbuster of mystery and action, starring the all-new Phantom Eagle! Plus, the usual mildly magnificent mish-mash of masked misanthropes!

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DR. STRANGE #172: Dormammu's back — and Doc Strange has got him! Or, is it the other way around? And, breathe! There's a Marvelite who'll dare miss Gentleman Gene Colan's great art job on our favorite mystic master!

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Mutant Mail-Box

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Dear Stan and Roy,

Just received X-MEN #44 and I must write to comment on a glaring mistake that any science fiction reader would notice. On page 8 Angel steps into the islands and says "This is like something out of a Ray Bradbury novel a vast complex of machinery . . . or perhaps weapons!" Any science fiction reader would know that Bradbury does not write that type of story. He writes of ordinary people in unusual situations and places. A writer like Edward E. Smith, John Campbell, A. E. VanVogt, or Edmond Hamilton would have been a better choice than Ray Bradbury. Just want to say that I enjoy all your mags, but must complain about your interrupting one saga to put in a whole issue of something not related to the big problem at all, like 'Red Raven, Red Raven' in the midst of the X-Men's battle with Magneto. I also think you are letting your characters' personal problems mess up the teams too much. The Avengers has been changed so much lately by personal troubles that we don't know who is actually in the Avengers anymore, and the Fantastic Four has lost what I think is one of their best characters just because she's pregnant. So how about getting things just a little bit less confused?

Douglas J. Harter Jr., 607 Sunset Dr.
Dillsburg, Penna. 17019

We will, Doug . . . we will! Just as soon as we get a little less confused ourselves! Oh, and to all you Ray Bradbury fans, a most sincere "Sorry about that!" And, just to prove that we mean it, we're sending Groovy Gary back to the School of Science Fiction Fandom for a refresher course . . . at the kindergarten level, natch!

Dear Stan and Gary,

I suppose you have more in mind for the race of bird-men which you introduced (and quickly disposed of) in X-MEN #44 than an 8-page sub-plot in one X-Men story. I hope the next time you bring in the feathered foes you'll explain how the Red Raven grew a pair of wings between the time he released the gas to the time he is shown standing before the sleeping legions—a sneaky way to ask for a No-Prize, you must admit! I noticed an error in the "origins" story, you have Cyclops wearing his current fighting costume in a story which obviously takes place a number of years ago. I'll be sporting enough to admit that I don't remember what Cyke wore in X-MEN #1 either, but it must've been something other than his current blue and yellow.

Arnie Katz, University of Buffalo
423 Oxford Ave., Buffalo, New York 14226

Right you are, Arnie! Mixed-up Marvel has done it again! Cyke should've been clad in his original costume—which was yellow and blue but considerably different in design from the current costume! As for the Red Raven's wings—all we can say is that you didn't read his origin very carefully! He himself was not one of the birdmen! He was merely adopted by them after his parents died in a plane crash! Therefore, he obviously wouldn't have grown wings! So that means his fabulous flappers must be mechanical—and he could've strapped them on at just about any time between the panels you pointed out! Don't feel too

bad, though! After all, hitting on one boner we couldn't get out of isn't bad! As a matter of fact, it's good enough that we're winging a fashion-critics' approved no-prize your way at this very instant—all of which goes to prove that we may not be very accurate, but our generosity rates second to none!



Dear Stan,

What's with this "Origin of Iceman" thing? Everybody knows that he was bitten by a radioactive icecube! Get with it, man!!!!

Jerry Sink, 3406 Bowfin Avenue
San Pedro, California 90732

We'd like to, Jer . . . but did'ja ever try to write after having a radioactive martini! Sheesh!

Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

Why is it that almost every Marvelite but me (it seems!) figures that just because the X-Men are mutants that they should fight only mutant menaces? If this were true, then it follows that Daredevil should fight only blind villains, Thor should battle only gods, the Hulk should come to grips with none but the greenest of green-skinned villains, and the Avengers should be confined to fighting only those super-villain groups that change their line-ups a lot. You can see how ridiculous this is. After all, as long as evil exists, no matter what form it exists in, no man who dares call himself a super-hero is justified in ignoring it simply because it's not his type of menace. Right? I'd rather see the day when all is quiet in New York City, and our heroes are practically going stir-crazy, looking for action. (Can you see some poor bedraggled villain poking his head out of a manhole on such a day? Talk about getting mugged! The poor fellow wouldn't even know what hit him!)

Dean Crawford, 374 Burroughs Dr.
Buffalo, New York 14226

Probably not, Deano—but we'd be willing to bet our Forbush-Man T-shirts that a taxi would run him down before any super-deer could make the scene! Anyway, you've made a powerful point with which we couldn't agree more! Although the X-Men were founded for the specific purpose of fighting evil mutants, you needn't believe for a second that they'd head for the hills if, say, Doc Doom headed their way! So, in the future, you can be certain our Marvel-ous mutants will be taking on their share of bombastic baddies who fall under the homo sapiens classification, as well as nasty-type mutants! (Or at least they will if we remember!)

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- (FEARLESS FRONT FAKER) — AN HONORARY TITLE, BESTOWED FOR DEVOTION TO MARVEL ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Dear Stan and Roy,

Hoo Boy! Man, are you going to get it. In issue #44 of the X-MEN, in the "Origins of the X-Men", you have Bobby being attacked by three baddies. He freezes one of them. All four people see him do it. He runs home and the whole town comes after him to get rid of the "freak". Well, he uses his freeze power against everybody and everybody sees him. And then you say he has a secret identity? Wouldn't the town kinda wonder when they hear about this kid that goes around freezing things? I mean, how many guys go around making snowballs from their fingers? That's one goof. Here's the other. You say this is all happening in 1963? Well, take a look at Scott's uniform. Correct me if I'm wrong but didn't Jean design that costume for him in 1968? Well, I'll make you feel better and tell you that "Red Raven, Red Raven!" was great, as usual, and the art is just fab. I might even renew my subscription when the time comes.

Bob Evans, 5494 Via Carancho
San Diego, California

You'd better—'cause, if you don't, you may never know how Iceman managed to keep his identity a secret! No, on second thought, that isn't so, because we already wrapped that up last ish! Just in case you missed it, though, let us clue you in to what happened! After Icy and Cyke escaped the mob, Professor X blanketed the small town with a mental bolt which erased all memory of Bobby Drake's freezing antics from the town's citizenry . . . including the young mutant's parents! Thus, today, no one other than his fellow X-Men and Agent Duncan of the FBI is aware that Bobby Drake and Iceman are one and the same person!

Dear Stan and Roy,

I though issue 43 was just fabulous. George Tuska has finally come into his own, and I'll look forward to seeing him in future issues. Some people run down the new costumes. I think they're the most (to say the last word in the matter, Frank Mieuli, who owns the San Francisco Warriors basketball team, dressed his players in uniforms that looked most peculiar to a lot of people. They won the Western Division championship that year. Obviously the uniforms didn't alter their fine performance.) How about having Prof. X communicate with the X-Men through a séance? I think it would add something to your mag. I've only been a Marvel fan for 2½ years, but I can still hold up my head and say "Until the Hulk marries Jean Grey, you can MAKE MINE MARVEL!"

Geoff Leskovsky, 1707 Zinnia Lane
San Jose, California 95124

And that we'll do most gladly, Geoff, boy—although we can't promise to bring back Professor X . . . even through a séance! We've said it before, and, just for the record, we'll say it just one time more—when we kill someone, he stays killed! Now, as for Lonesome George's powerful pencilling, we assume you're still following it in our "Origins of the X-Men!" series—and we hope you're equally impressed with the titanic team of Dashin' Donnie Heck and Wondrous Werner Roth on the feature-length X-Men yarns each month! Oh, and before we forget, our heartfelt thanks for jumping to the defense of our merry mutants' controversial new costumes—and we couldn't agree more that clothes aren't likely to either make or break a team! Besides, we still contend that, as time goes by, the new costumes will grow on even the most determined of hold-outs! There! Who says this isn't the Marvel age of cataclysmic confidence?!

Dear Stan and Roy,

The men from S.P.A.M. (Society for Prevention of Atrocities to Mutants) are after you! I refer to X-Men #44, page

3, panel 3. Imagine, handcuffing (footcuffing?) Beast's hands to his feet. Have you ever tried standing on your hands for five minutes? If you do you'll find it quite painful. Oh, well, I now know the meaning of MARVEL. (Mutantism Ain't Really Very Easy Living.) Jim Kirkland, 504 Arneson Ave. Auburndale, Florida 33823

You can say that again! But don't feel too bad about Beast's predicament in ish #44! Not even Magneto would do anything so sadistic as make him stand on his hands and feet at the same time! It just looked that way! Actually, the cuffs were constructed so that all of his weight rested on his feet—but we still don't recommend it over ye olde easy chair for restful relaxation!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Dan,

Are you guys infatuated with scenes of characters sticking their heads in subway trains? I think you are, and the reason why is quite simple; the scenes of Grotesk and the subway train are almost exactly like the ones in FF #25, page 8, panel 7, and very similar to the ones in FF #70, page 2, panel 2. Is stealing from your own back issues a form of plagiarism? Along similar lines, the Beast is beginning to pick up a certain speech or creed. This is: "Haven't you heard that violence is the last refuge of the incompetent?" If any of your other costumed characters were to say a certain speech over and over, I would think that you were running out of things for them to say and would be repeating yourselves, but for the Beast to do this would fit right in with his character. On the other hand, your using this often-used origin for Grotesk is unforgivable! There must be hundreds of costumed heroes and/or villains running around that are the last member of their race (I can think of several, including the top character of your number one competitor). How can you possibly call Jack o' Diamonds a mutant? He gained his power in a lab accident (another old origin source). If Jack is a mutant, so are Spidey, DD, and the FF and about a million of your villains. While talking about the origin section, let me mention that the artwork of Roth-Verpoorten is far superior to that of Heck-Tuska. In the letter column, you made a mistake; in answer to Rick Elrod you said that MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #2 presented the reprinted origin story. There is no such issue; the correct answer is MARVEL TALES #2. While talking about the letter col., let me mention that at first I thought that TM meant Timely-Marvel, but I soon realized that it meant trademark. In closing, I wish to withdraw the comments I made on the X-Men in my last letter; X-MEN #41 proved to me they are very much alive.

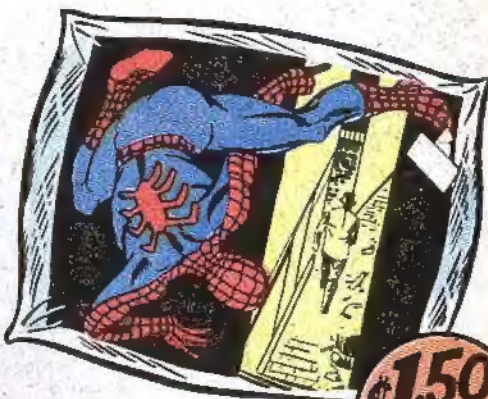
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And are we relieved to hear it! Until we got to your closing comment, we were afraid we lost them somewhere along the way! As for Jack O' Diamonds not being a mutant—we're gonna have to color that theory wrong! One doesn't have to be born with special powers to be classified a mutant—so, in a sense, Spidey, DD, and the FF do indeed fall into that category! Finally, you're right about the X-Men's origin being reprinted in MARVEL TALES #2! All we can say about that slip-up is . . . "we goofed!"

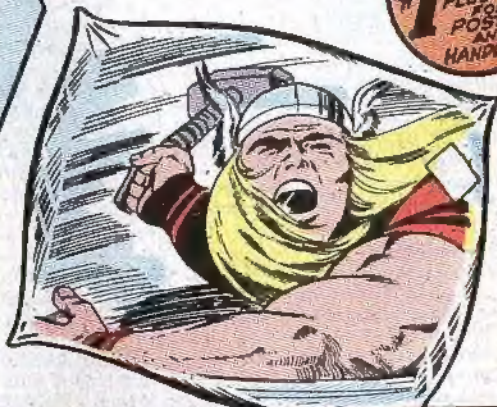
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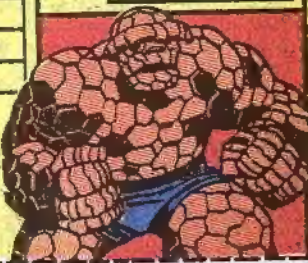
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